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Fast Facts.. *By the Numbers*

Media Activities in Prisons

(Current as of Sept. 29, 2006)

- In 2005 and 2006, nearly 3,000 state prison inmates consented to be interviewed by the media;
- In 2005 and 2006, there have been nearly 1,000 media visits to state prisons;
- The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation issued 165 location agreements the last 21 months authorizing filming in its facilities to media worldwide. (81 in 2005; 85 so far in 2006)

All of this access was afforded to media from all over the state, the nation and the world under the current regulations.

Media Activities in Prison Settings the Last Three Months:

- Journalists from California, Washington, D.C., New York, England, Germany and Brazil have visited various California state prisons in the past three months with their notebooks, still and video cameras and tape recorders.
- Journalists from television and cable networks and their affiliates, including *Fox News Channel*, *CNN*, *NBC*, *ABC*, *CBS*, *PBS*, *The Discovery Channel*, the *National Geographic Channel*, the *History Channel*, *Telemundo*, *Univision* and others have filmed in California State Prisons.
- Major newspapers and magazines, including the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Sacramento Bee*, the *Fresno Bee*, the *Press Enterprise*, and the *Daily Bulletin* have visited California prisons.

- *National Public Radio* correspondents and their affiliates have visited state prisons with their tape recorders.
- A German Television crew visited a state prison in August to produce a story about the Aryan Brotherhood. They filmed and interviewed inmates at California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison-Corcoran who had dropped out of the Aryan Brotherhood.
- *National Geographic Television* is producing three documentaries in several state prisons.
- A crew filmed for more than three weeks since Aug. 1 at Salinas Valley State Prison for a documentary about the prison.
- Another crew has filmed for more than three weeks since Aug. 28 at Valley State Prison for Women for a documentary about women in prison. They will continue filming next week too.
- A third crew is producing a documentary about the Aryan Brotherhood prison gang. Since Sept. 5, they have filmed for three weeks at California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison-Corcoran and will conclude filming on Sept. 29; two weeks at Corcoran State Prison; and several days at Folsom State Prison.
- Pilgrim Films just completed filming at Calipatria State Prison this week for a new *Discovery Channel* show.
- Towers Productions is filming a documentary about the history of the Aryan Brotherhood for the History Channel. Last week, they spent several days filming at Folsom State Prison. They are filming at Corcoran State Prison this week. Next week, they will interview Aryan Brotherhood gang dropouts at California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison-Corcoran.

Coming Up:

- The first week of October, a television crew from France will film at Pelican Bay State Prison and interview staff and inmates.
- A Fresno television station will film at Valley State Prison for Women later in October.
- We have received a request to visit a state prison from German Public Radio, which reaches 34 million listeners.

- We are processing a request from *Café Magazine* in Sweden.
- *ADR*, German Television, has asked to visit a women's prison for a story about pregnant inmates. We will schedule their visit to interview inmates in October.

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